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In April, the rate at which caissons were lowered was 1.6 meters per day; in May, the rate was 2.2 meters per day. By the end of May, before the flood waters arrived, all of the 16 piers were finished.

BRANCH LINE TO SUPPLY COAL TO CHUNGKING -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 27 Jul 53

(Hsin-hua She) -- In July 1952, a short branch of the Ch'i-chiang railway was constructed from San-chiang /approximately 106 42, 28 52/ to Wen-t'ang, in T'ung-tzu Hsien, Kweichow. On 12 July 1953, trains began regular operation on a 33-kilometer extension of this branch line from Wen-t'ang to Wan-sheng, in Nan-ch'uan Hsien, Szechwan. The main purpose of this extension is to bring out coal for Chungking.

CANTON BUREAU SURPASSES GOALS -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 29 Sep 53

Canton, 28 September -- In a conference of railway officials and other officials, held 14 - 17 September 1953, the Canton Railway Bureau released data for the first half of 1953 as follows:

The planned number of passengers transported was surpassed by 16.7 percent.

The planned number of car loadings was surpassed by 15.3 percent.

The revenue target for this period was surpassed by 67.7 percent, which is 68.5 percent of the target for the whole year.

The expenditures for this period were less than the planned figure by 0.8 percent.

The profit realized in the first 6 months was 309.7 percent of the figure set for this period; this was 149.3 percent of the goal for the whole year.

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